

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 6/5/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Katie Drexhage Environmental Programs Division (805) 781-4469	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the La Panza Road Widening Project (ED10-141; 300397) located east of the community of Creston in the El Pomar/Estrella Planning Area.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Honorable Board approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a project by the Department of Public Works to construct improvements to La Panza Road between Ryan Road and Hord Valley Road, east of the community of Creston.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal & County Prop 1B	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(14) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP Attached	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Nikki J. Schmidt			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 5 -			

Reference: 12JUN05-C-10

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Katie Drexhage, Environmental Programs Division

VIA: Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Programs Manager

DATE: 6/5/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the La Panza Road Widening Project (ED10-141; 300397) located east of the community of Creston in the El Pomar/Estrella Planning Area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Honorable Board approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a project by the Department of Public Works to construct improvements to La Panza Road between Ryan Road and Hord Valley Road, east of the community of Creston.

DISCUSSION

The County Department of Public Works proposes to construct improvements to La Panza Road, between Ryan Road and Hord Valley Road, which includes:

- widen La Panza Road by adding 4-foot paved shoulders;
- replace existing culverts;
- add three culverts across La Panza Road;
- flatten side slopes on both sides of the road.

The Project improvements are to improve road safety by removing obstacles adjacent to the road and to provide an improved shoulder for vehicle recovery. Most of the work will be conducted within the County right of way; however, nine adjacent parcels will be subject to disturbance. The Project is anticipated to permanently impact 0.76 acre (new pavement and shoulders) and temporarily impact 4.72 acres, totaling 5.48 acres of total disturbance. The Project is located approximately 1.8 miles south of State Route 41 to 6.6 miles north of State Route 58, east of the community of Creston. The proposed Project is within the Agriculture land use category in the El Pomar/Estrella planning area, Fifth Supervisorial District.

This item is a request to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

The proposed Negative Declaration identified impacts and mitigations in the following issue areas: Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise and Water.

Mitigation will include best management practices to avoid and/or minimize impacts to agricultural resources, noise and air pollution, water pollution, and erosion control. Prior to the commencement of work within the jurisdictional drainage, permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and possibly the California Department of Fish and Game must be secured. Approximately 0.76 acre of kit fox habitat will be impacted. Based on a County Planning and Development Department and Department of Fish and Game agreement, potential impacts to the habitat will be mitigated at a 1:1 ratio.

Construction is anticipated to occur between May and October of 2014. It is anticipated that project construction will take approximately five months.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Project will require permits or involvement from the California Department of Fish and Game, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment for a 30-day review period ending May 18, 2012. No comments were received during the comment period.

Caltrans administers Federal funding committed to the Project and requires the preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act document which is in process of being developed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This Project is a multi-year project budgeted in Roads Fund for FY 2011-12 – WBS 300397 in the amount of \$1,372,773. The Project will receive funds from Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Proposition 1B funds.

RESULTS

Approval of this Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the California Environmental Quality Act environmental review phase and allow the Project to move into the environmental permitting compliance phase. Completion of the proposed Project will create a safer and more livable community.

File: WBS 300369.02

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. Mitigated Negative Declaration